

## DC Srinagar reviews progress of agricultural projects under HADP, JKCIIP

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**SRINAGAR:** To review the progress achieved under key Agriculture and allied sector schemes including HADP, JKCIIP, and KKGs in the district, a meeting of line Department Officers was held under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Akshay Labroo here at Meeting Hall of the DC Office Complex, here today. Besides, Additional District Development Commissioner, Rifat Aftab Qureshi and Chief Planning Officer, Fayaz Ahmad Dar, the meeting was attended by Chief Agriculture Officer, Chief Horticulture Officer, Chief Animal Husbandry Officer, Assistant Director Fisheries, District Sheep Husbandry Officer, District Sericulture Officer, District Programme Officer NRLM and other concerned. At the outset, the Deputy



Commissioner conducted a comprehensive sector-wise review of achievements and ongoing interventions under Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) and Jammu and Kashmir Competitiveness Improvement in Agriculture and Allied Sectors Project (JKCIIP) aimed at enhancing productivity, strengthening value

chains, and improving income of the farmers. He also reviewed Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) and functioning of Kisan Khidmat Ghars (KKGs) aimed to ensure that the intended benefits reach farmers at the grassroots level. On the occasion, the DC stressed that all eligible farmers in the District must be covered under these schemes and instructed officers to further intensify outreach efforts to cover left out beneficiaries of district in a time bound manner. He also emphasized on increasing farmer enrolment under PMFBY to provide insurance coverage against crop losses. Reviewing the functioning of KKGs, the DC called for further strengthening of these centers to ensure efficient and seamless delivery of services to the farming community. The Officers of Agriculture and allied departments were also directed to fast-track pending cases, ensure timely disbursement of benefits and facilitate improved access to institutional credit. The DC underscored the importance of coordinated efforts among departments to clear pendency, if any and enhance overall implementation efficiency. He further instructed officers to expedite the processing of cases in accordance with the laid-down guidelines to ensure that benefits are extended to farmers within the stipulated timelines. During the meeting, the DC acknowledged the line departments for their continued progress and urged them to sustain and further intensify their efforts to ensure comprehensive coverage, so that no eligible farmer in the district is deprived of the benefits.

## Traffic decongestion measures reviewed in Kulgam

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**KULGAM:** Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Shahzad Alam, along with SSP Kulgam Anayat Ali Choudhary, today chaired a meeting of officers to review measures for easing traffic congestion in Kulgam town. During the meeting, the DC took a comprehensive review of traffic management strategies, including identification of congestion-prone stretches and bottlenecks, regulation of roadside parking, removal of encroachments, streamlining of public transport stops/stands, diversion plans, and regulation of loading and unloading timings for commercial vehicles. The Deputy Commissioner stressed the need for coordinated efforts among the concerned departments



to ensure smooth traffic movement, particularly in busy market areas and major junctions of the town. He directed the officers to take immediate steps to remove encroachments from footpaths so that pedestrians can move safely and conveniently. The DC further instructed the concerned departments to intensify enforcement drives against illegal parking and unauthorized occupation of public spaces that contribute to traffic bottlenecks. He also emphasized

the proper utilization of designated parking areas and asked officers to ensure strict adherence to traffic regulations. During the meeting, a review of route permits and rationalization of traffic flow in Kulgam town was also carried out to improve the overall traffic management system. The meeting was attended by the Assistant Regional Transport Officer, DySP Traffic, Tehsildar Kulgam and other concerned officers.

## DC Akshay hands over Nikshay Mitra cheque to DTO for financial assistance to TB Patients

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**SRINAGAR:** Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Akshay Labroo, who is also Chairman District Red Cross Society today handed over a cheque amounting to Rs. 2.5 lakh to District Tuberculosis Officer for providing additional nutritional support to Tuberculosis (TB) patients (Nikshay Mitras) under the Pradhan Mantri TB Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan of district Srinagar. Additional Deputy Commissioner, Aadi Fareed, Chief Medical Officer, Dr Tahir Sajad, District TB Officer, Dr Abdul Rouf, Block Medical Officer Hazratbal, Dr Abdul Majid, District Nodal Officer, Dr Mudansir and others



concerned were present on the occasion. Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner underscored the importance of nutritional support as a critical component of

TB treatment and recovery. He stated that the initiative reflects the District Administration's commitment to providing holistic care to all affected individuals and urged all concerned officials

to work with dedication and coordination to strengthen TB care services and improve treatment outcomes across Srinagar district. The District Tuberculosis Officer expressed his gratitude to the Deputy Commissioner, highlighting the District Administration's continued commitment. He further stated that Rs. 2.31 lakh was provided last year, followed by Rs. 2.5 lakh this year, which will significantly contribute towards achieving better treatment success rates and strengthening TB care in District Srinagar. This assistance is in addition to Rs. 1,000 per month provided to TB patients during the TB treatment by the Central TB Division.

## Bandipora witnesses widespread participation in Vande Mataram Celebrations

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**BANDIPORA:** As part of the ongoing celebrations marking 150 years of Vande Mataram, a series of vibrant and patriotic activities were conducted across various institutions in Bandipora district, reflecting widespread public participation and youthful enthusiasm. On the occasion, Youth Services & Sports (YS&S) Office Bandipora organized a district-wide cycling initiative under the banner of "Vande Mataram," which witnessed active participation from students, staff, and sports lovers across all zones of the district. The cycling drive aimed to promote physical fitness, environmental awareness, and a strong sense of national pride among the youth. Participants pedaled through different routes, turning the event into a powerful display of unity, discipline, and patriotic spirit. In continuation of the celebrations, Government Degree College Hajin organized a Signature Campaign, where students and faculty members enthusiastically participated and pledged their commitment towards national unity and values. Similarly, NSS Units of HKM Degree College Bandipora organized an awareness rally to highlight the historical significance of Vande Mataram. The rally witnessed enthusiastic participation of students, NSS volunteers, and faculty members. Carrying placards and raising patriotic slogans, participants spread messages of unity, national

pride, and cultural heritage in nearby areas. Meanwhile, several schools across the district organized creative and engaging activities to mark the occasion. A cycling event was also held at Higher Secondary School Shahgund under the Vande Mataram programme. Government Boys High School Ganastan conducted a "Selfie with Lyrics" activity, where students expressed their patriotism through creative participation. Similar activities were carried out at HSS Izmar, HSS Gadakhud, GHS Kaloosa, GHSS Aragam, and BMS Nai Basti Chorwan, where students actively participated in selfie campaigns during the singing of Vande Mataram, showcasing enthusiasm and national spirit.

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## Plantation Drive held at KVK Anantnag, SKUAST-K under Bhumi Suposhan Abhiyan

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**ANANTNAG:** A plantation drive was successfully organized at Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Anantnag, SKUAST-K in collaboration with social forestry Anantnag under the Bhumi Suposhan Abhiyan, aimed at promoting environmental sustainability and soil health conservation. The programme was graced by the Chief Guest, Prof. Rihana Habib Gunth, Director Extension, SKUAST-K, who emphasized the importance of tree plantation in enhancing ecological balance and improving soil fertility. She encouraged farmers, youth, and students to actively participate in such initiatives for a greener and healthier future. The Special Guest, Gazzalla Abdulla, DFO social forestry Anantnag highlighted the role of social forestry in community development and stressed the need for collective efforts in afforestation and natural resource conservation. Dr. Ishiyah A Khan in his address, briefed the gathering about KVK Anantnag, SKUAST-K's continuous efforts and commitment towards environmental conservation. He reiterated that the KVK is actively promoting plantation drives across Anantnag district as part of its mission to safeguard the environment and enhance green cover. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students of Government School Kreeri, who actively took part in the plantation activities and learned about the importance of environmental stewardship at a young age.

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## Awareness Camp organized by KVIB Budgam at ITI Chrari Sharief

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**BUDGAM:** Jammu & Kashmir Khadi and Village Industries Board (KVIB) Budgam successfully organized an awareness camp cum interaction program today at Auditorium I.T.I Chrari Sharief Budgam to sensitize the general public, educated unemployed youth and passing out students of the institution about the various government schemes being implemented by the Board. The program was attended by representative from Director RSETI, Principal I.T.I Chrari Sharief College, representatives from line Departments, Branch Heads of various banks, senior officers from LDM office Budgam and other dignitaries.

The event witnessed an enthusiastic response from the local community, entrepreneurs, aspiring persons, NGOs, and students from the institution. The camp aimed to educate participants about the wide range of opportunities available under the flagship programs of KVIB, including the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) and J&K Rural Employment Generation Programme (JKREGP) designed to promote self-employment and entrepreneurship in urban as well as rural areas. Addressing the gathering, District Officer KVIB Budgam emphasized the importance of utilizing these schemes to boost local industries and empower urban/rural communities.

He urged the youth to get involved themselves with the schemes being implemented by the J&K KVIB for their upliftment to get the benefits of the schemes to establish their income generating ventures/units and create employment without wandering after the jobs. He requested them to engage and involve the young youth of the area in the employment generation by establishing their self income generation units sponsored under PMEGP/JKREGP under different trades from each of the family so that the standard of living in the area will better and will contribute towards the economical growth of the UT of J&K. The session included detailed briefing about the financial assistance, subsidies, and technical support provided under these schemes to facilitate the establishment of small and medium enterprises and the training programmes offered by the JKRSETI. Special emphasis was laid on the production of eco-friendly products and leveraging traditional crafts to enhance economic sustainability. Participants were also guided on the application process, eligibility criteria, and necessary documentation required to avail of these benefits. The event featured interactive sessions, where queries were addressed and provided personalized consultations to attendees. Success stories of beneficiaries who have established thriving businesses under KVIB schemes were also shared

to inspire and motivate others. During the programme, it was informed that, KVIB is committed for creating awareness about these schemes and ensuring that the benefits reach the grassroots level. It was also informed that during the current financial year 2025-26, KVIB Budgam has established 321 units providing M.M. (subsidy) to the tune of Rs 645.78 lakh under PMEGP and established 15 units involving M.M. (subsidy) to the tune of Rs 45.15 lakh under JKREGP. The camp concluded with the distribution of informational booklets and registration forms to interested participants. KVIB assured that similar awareness programmes would be conducted in other regions to extend the reach of their initiatives.

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## SWD Srinagar organized Vocational Training Programmes under SANKALP-Hub for Empowerment of Women

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**SRINAGAR:** Social Welfare Department (SWD), under SANKALP - Hub for Empowerment of Women (Mission Shakti), Srinagar, successfully conducted Vocational Training Programmes at GGHS Chanpora and GGHS Rawalpora.



The initiative aimed to equip students with practical skills and promote self-employment opportunities. The programmes witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, reflecting a strong interest in skill-based learning and career-oriented training. Experts, including the Industrial Promotion Officer from the District Industries Centre Srinagar and a Resource Person from Government Polytechnic for Women Srinagar, shared valuable insights on the importance of vocational education, entrepreneurship, and skill development in today's dynamic job market. The speakers highlighted various government

schemes and support systems available for aspiring entrepreneurs and encouraged students to explore business opportunities. Emphasis was laid on innovation, self-reliance, and the need for youth to take initiative in shaping their careers. The Resource Person from Government Polytechnic for Women Srinagar particularly stressed the significance of technical education and hands-on training, especially for young girls, to help them achieve financial independence and build confidence in their chosen fields.

Students were motivated to actively participate in such programmes and make optimal use of available resources for skill enhancement and career growth. The school authorities appreciated the efforts of the Social Welfare Department in organizing such impactful initiatives, noting their importance in empowering students and preparing them for future challenges. The session concluded with an interactive segment, where students engaged with the resource persons and sought guidance on various vocational and career-related opportunities.

## Forest Department conducts Plantation Drive at DPL Shopian

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**SHOPIAN:** A plantation drive was conducted today at District Police Lines (DPL) Shopian under the flagship initiative "Green J&K Drive 2026" by the Forest Department in collaboration with District Police Shopian. The drive was formally kick-started by Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Shopian, Mushtaq Ahmad Chowdhary, in the presence of Divisional Forest Officer (DFO) Shopian, Qamar Rashid Khan, DySP (DAR) Shopian, Mohammad Ashraf along with other senior officers and officials. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from police personnel and forest department staff, who collectively planted a significant number of conifer saplings within the premises of District Police Lines Shopian. Speaking on the occasion, SSP Shopian emphasized the importance of environmental protection and highlighted the role of such initiatives in



combating climate change, improving air quality, and enhancing the overall ecological balance of the region. He appreciated the joint efforts of the Police Department and the Forest Department in organizing the drive and encouraged continued

participation in such green initiatives. Divisional Forest Officer Shopian in his address, reiterated that such plantation drives will continue in the future as part of sustained efforts to increase green cover across the district. He further informed that the Forest Department will also undertake free distribution of plant saplings among the general public to encourage community participation in afforestation and environmental conservation activities. The plantation drive concluded with a pledge by all participants to protect and nurture the planted saplings and to actively contribute towards building a greener and healthier environment for future generations.

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## Social Forestry Department organizes plantation drive across Budgam

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**BUDGAM:** Social Forestry Department, Budgam today organized a large-scale plantation drive across the district, distributing free plants of various varieties among the general public. The main function in this regard was held at Ichgam, Budgam, where a huge gathering of locals, beneficiaries, and officials assembled to take part in the programme. A wide range of plant saplings was distributed free of cost with the aim of promoting greenery and environmental conservation in the district. While interacting with the general public and beneficiaries, officials of the Social Forestry Department emphasized the importance of planting more trees to ensure a greener and healthier environment. They urged people to actively participate in afforestation efforts and take responsibility for nurturing the distributed plants. The department further appealed to the public to come forward and provide available Khachrie land for plantation purposes. It was informed that the Social Forestry Department is willing to undertake plantation activities free of cost on such land, thereby contributing to increasing green cover in the district.

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## DIPR Shopian conducts Photo Exhibition at Shopian

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**SHOPIAN:** Department of Information & Public Relations (DIPR) Shopian today conducted a photo exhibition here at Mini-Secretariat Shopian highlighting the developmental achievements of departments of the district during the year 2025-26. Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Shopian, Dr. Zakir Hussain Faaz inaugurated the Exhibition in presence of Assistant Commissioner, Revenue, Shakoor Ahmed Dar, CEO, Bashir Ahmad Shah, CAO, Mohd Rafiq, DIO Shopian, Showkat Hussain and other officers, officials and public. The exhibition displayed a wide range of photographs depicting developmental achievements of the departments under various schemes, government welfare programmes and employment interventions, artistic and cultural traditions, conduct of festivals, events and other important public awareness campaigns and initiatives organised during the year 2025-26. Officials and public visited the exhibition with keen interest and termed the exhibition informative and inspiring.

## 3-Day census training Prog for Phase-I concluded at Town Hall Kupwara

**KUPWARA:** Three-day census training programme for Phase-I was today successfully concluded in district Kupwara.

The programme was launched by the Deputy Commissioner Kupwara (Principal Census Officer), Shrikant Suse at Town Hall Kupwara. The training sessions were aimed to prepare Charge Officers-Tehsildars, Executive Officers and Census Clerks for the first phase of the Census, namely Houselisting Operations, scheduled for June 2027. The training was led by Joint Director- Census Directorate, Arun Kumar supported by Nodal Officer, Shafi Mir and District Coordinator, Mayur Kumar. Participants received detailed guidance on training enumerators and supervisors, creating and managing Houselisting Blocks on the CMMS Portal and preparing Village and Town Directories. The training programme was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner (District Nodal Officer for Census 2027) Kupwara, Gulzar Ahmad Khan, ADC Handwara, Javed Naseem Masoodi; CPO Kupwara (Additional District Census Officer), Parvaiz Ahmad; SDM Lolab, Mudassar Ahmad; Tehsildars/EOs and other concerned officers across the district.